

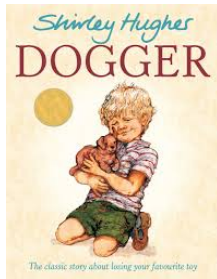
## Year 1 Spring 2 Newsletter

### Welcome back!

We are very excited to have the children back in school!

We have some exciting lessons planned for the rest of this half term and we cannot wait to get started.

Our new class text is *Dogger*.



We are going to be completing some exciting writing, looking at writing our own adventure story. We will be basing it on the story 'The Queen's Hat'

This half term we will have an exciting creative theme called 'Magic Moments'. As part of this topic we will be exploring art techniques, use of colour and looking at the work of Henri Matisse. This topic will also give us the opportunity to explore different types of music. We will look at the works of Maurice Ravel and Kylie Minogue. During the final week of the half term we will have a short theme exploring our aspirations for our future and inspirational people.

### Planners

Your child has a planner which they bring home everyday to record reading and for parents/carers to sign. We expect children to read at home every day and this needs to be recorded in the planner. There is also additional useful information including some of the words and sounds your child needs to know and knowledge organisers. We expect planners to be looked after.

### Homework

We will continue to use the online learning websites that were used for home learning during our school closure to set homework for your child. We will set daily and weekly homework tasks. These will include a phonics sound of the week, a spelling activity (on Spelling Shed) and a maths activity (on IXL).

We will use Dojo to set this and post links to online activities where possible. Login details and a reminder of how to access online learning websites can be found in planners.

## Reading and Phonics

Learning to read is a fundamental skill which is key to children achieving in all areas of the curriculum. Your child brings home a reading book and it is important that you listen to your child read for a minimum of 10 minutes each day. Please complete the planner to record this.

We are so lucky at Rivers to have access to MyOn and Oxford Owl. They are both great online resources where you can find and read a vast range of books. Access them both by logging in with your username and password.

## PE

Y1 PE days will be **Monday** and **Tuesday** .

On these days only, please send your child to school wearing their school PE kit:

T-Shirt - School PE top (to be provided next week, please come in your white t-shirt for Monday)

Shorts - Black

Pumps or Trainers for outdoor use (not school uniform footwear)

A dark coloured tracksuit (for colder weather)

School Jumper or Hoodie (for colder weather)

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name just in case they go missing, it will help us to try and find them.